

Climate Policies

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New York City's Climate Vulnerabilities






Climate Change is an equity issue

“There is a widespread awareness that the uneven distribution of climate change impacts combined with preexisting social and economic challenges makes some communities more vulnerable than others.”

– **New York City Panel on Climate Change (NPCC)**

Climate Change is already impacting City Services



 **EXTREME HEAT**

DANGEROUSLY HOT TEMPERATURE
are expected 8/5/2018 – 8/8/2018.

Be safe!

- Children, seniors, and people with chronic medical conditions are most vulnerable.
- To prevent heat-related illness, drink plenty of water, avoid strenuous physical activity, and limit outdoor activities to early morning and late evening hours.
- Stay out of the sun, if possible. Wear sunscreen (at least SPF 30), a hat, and lightweight, light-colored, loose clothing while you are outside.
- To conserve energy, limit use of washers, turn off air conditioners when not home, and turn off lights and other electronics when not in use.
- Cooling centers are open across the city. To find one, visit nyc.gov or call 311.
- Please check on family, friends, and neighbors to make sure they stay safe and cool.
- Call 911 for emergencies.
- For updates on the weather, please listen to radio and television news broadcasts, and visit nyc.gov/oem.

NYCHA is open 24/7
Use MyNYCHA (nyc.gov/mynycha) or call the Customer Contact Center (CCC) at 718-707-7771.



Million More Trees

Trees are a critical Green Infrastructure tool

- Beautify of communities
- Mitigate against heat
- Help manage stormwater
- Reduce airborne particulate matter
- Sequester carbon
- Make people happy 😊

New tree plantings fell to lowest level in 15 years

- 45% drop-off in number of trees planted this FY compared to last

The MBP is calling for a Million More Trees

- Leverage available federal & state \$
- Fund Parks at 1% of the budget
- Fund Tree Maintenance at NYCHA
- Use Public/Private Partnerships to raise \$



A Climate Ready and Well Managed Waterfront

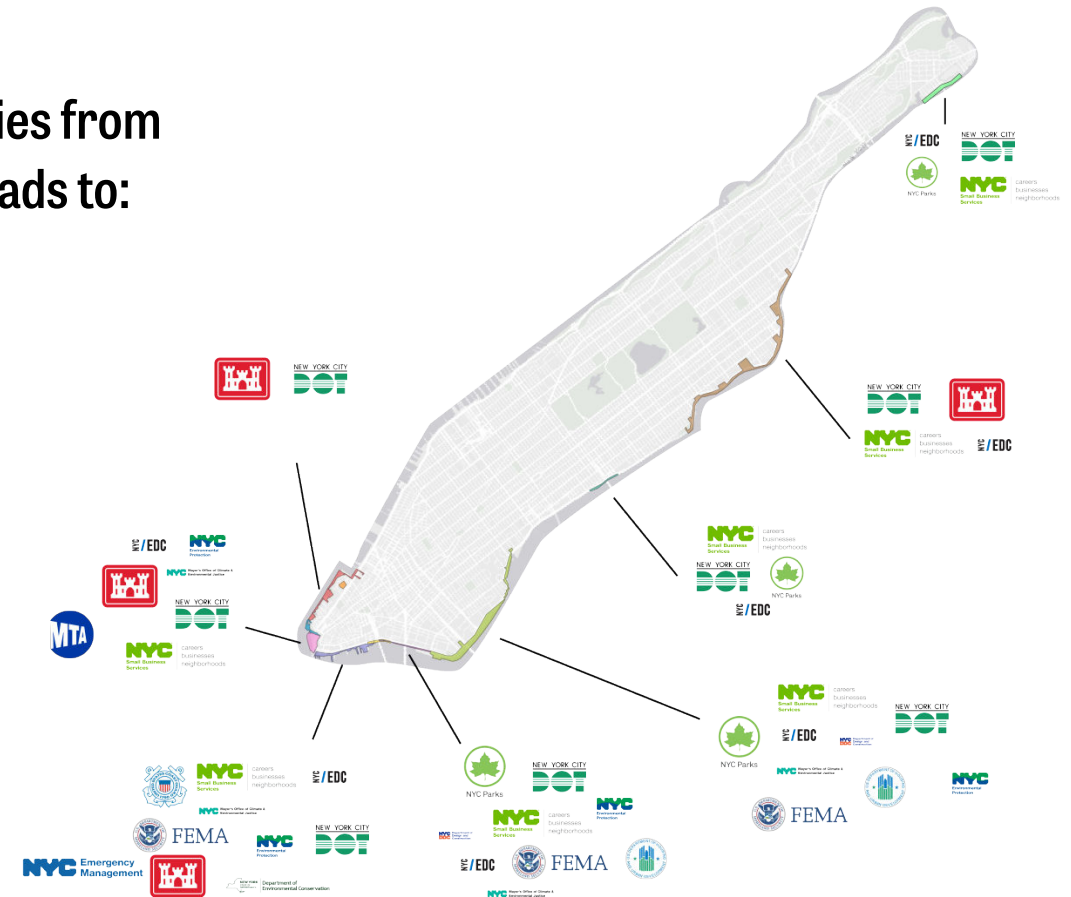
Waterfront Jurisdiction Problem

No single agency is responsible for protecting people/communities from coastal storms or rising sea levels. Lack of clear responsibility leads to:

- Delays to current coastal protection projects
- Little motivation to take on new coastal projects
- Neglect of traditional waterfront assets

BP Proposal

- Establish a new waterfront agency
 - Jurisdiction over waterfront assets
 - Responsible for maintaining marine structures
 - Accountability to the public
- Move waterfront permitting to DOB
 - Require a waterfront code





9A Bike Lane

Route 9A is dangerously overcrowded.

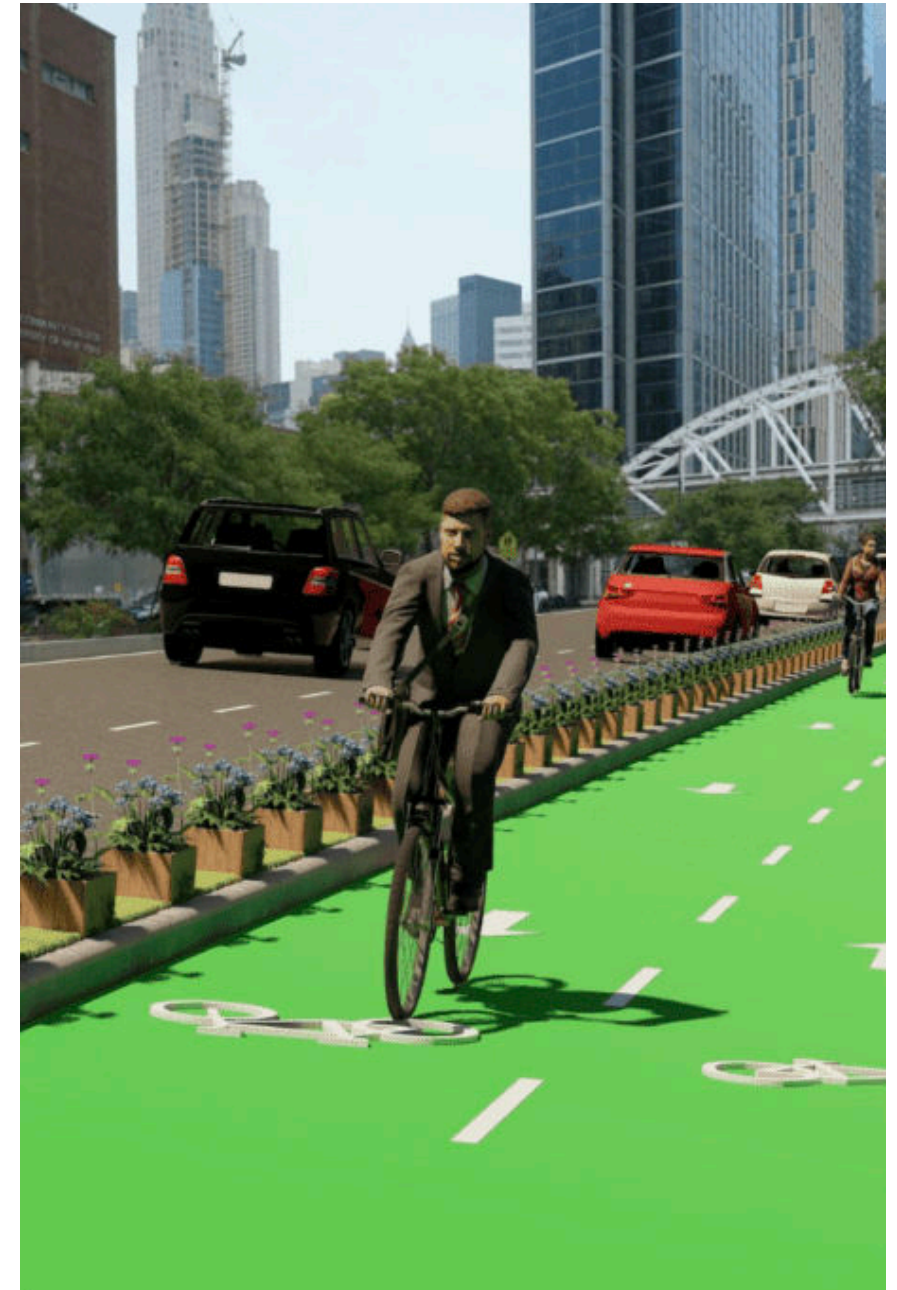
It is one of the most heavily used bike paths in the country!

BP Proposal:

A dedicated bike lane on the West Side Highway that would separate cyclists from pedestrians

Benefits of the dedicated path

- Reduce carbon emissions
- Ease congestion on the greenway
- Minimize conflict and collisions between pedestrians, cyclists & e-bikes
- Provide a legal path for e-bikes and delivery workers





E-Commerce Blueprint

2.4 million packages transported and delivered in NYC every day. Last-mile delivery contributes to:

- Congestion
- Road safety issues
- Air pollution
- Greenhouse gas emissions
- Package waste

BP Proposal

- Take last-mile operations off City streets
- Ensure residential areas can meet growing demand for deliveries
- Make e-commerce deliveries more sustainable
- Better enforce traffic laws

A BLUEPRINT FOR TACKLING THE E- COMMERCE DELIVERY CRISIS

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**CAMPAIGN TO
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Other Initiatives:

- Curbside Composting
- Circularity Day
- Local Law 97 / NYC Accelerator
- FiDi Seaport Climate Coalition of Lower Manhattan





Thank You

If you have any questions about the Borough President's Climate Policies, please contact me
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